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SUBJECT: REPORTED COMMENTS OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE  
ON US/DPRK CONTACTS

REF: SEOUL 6778

1. REPORTS OF ASSISTANT SEC HOLBROOKE'S REMARKS ARE  
TOTALLY DISTORTED.

2. EA SPOKESMAN JACK CANNON TODAY CALLED TOGETHER  
KOREAN PRESS CORPS IN WASHINGTON AND READ THEM THE STATE-  
MENT QUOTED BELOW, EMPHASIZING THE MISLEADING NATURE OF  
THE REPORTS NOTED IN REFTEL. GUIDANCE WAS ALSO UTILIZED  
AT NOON DEPARTMENT BRIEFING. DEPARTMENT TOOK INITIATIVE  
TO INFORM ROK EMBASSY OF THE DISTORTION BEFORE RECEIVING  
THEIR REPRESENTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT.

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3. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT GIVEN TO PRESS TODAY:

QUOTE:

THE REPORT IS TOTALLY FALSE AND A COMPLETE MISREPRESENTA-  
TION OF WHAT MR. HOLBROOKE SAID. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE MET  
WITH A GROUP OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND IN ANSWER TO A DIRECT

QUESTION ON NORTH KOREA CONTACTS FLATLY STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NO CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA. HE STATED THAT U.S. POLICY ON THIS MATTER IS CLEAR AND REPEATEDLY STATED: THAT WE WILL NOT ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DPRK WITHOUT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ALSO PARTICIPATING. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE DID STATE THAT NORTH KOREA HAS ATTEMPTED IN VARIOUS WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH US TO THE EXCLUSION OF SOUTH KOREA, BUT OUR POLICY IS CLEAR AND IS UNCHANGED.

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